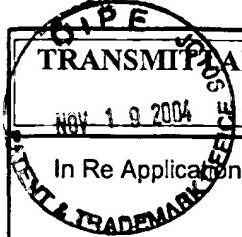


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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

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1. Preliminary Statements
2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly FORM PTO-1449)
3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
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Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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Section 2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

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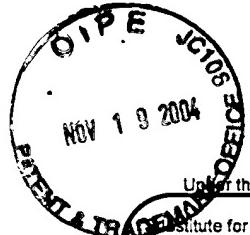
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- (b) an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. 1.56(c))

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